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## JULY MUSTER CALL

date: Thursday,  
9 July 1992  
time: 6:00 p.m.  
Exec. Comm.  
7:05 p.m.  
Regular meeting  
place: Wyatt's Cafeteria  
Hancock Center

The commander wants to remind all officers and committee chairmen of their need to be at the Exec. Comm. meeting promptly at 6:00 p.m. Our regular meeting will feature a program by Lt.Cdr. Allen Matetzschk who will speak on "Jefferson Davis". Davis, as we all know, was the first and only President of the C.S.A. Y'all come!

## CW BATTLEFIELD COIN ACT 1992

This act before Congress would authorize the minting and sale of three commemorative coins marking a century of national preservation of WBTS battlefields. Proceeds, as much as \$30 million, would go to the CW Battlefield Foundation, a non-profit organization initiated by the Sec. of the Interior to raise money for battlefield acquisition. The Foundation's mission is to raise \$200 million privately by 2000 to preserve acreage at more than 50 battlefields across the nation.

If this is interesting to you, you are urged to write your Congressman urging him to co-sponsor HR 5126 or write your Senators asking them to co-sponsor S 2682. You could make these points: over 85% of our most important WBTS landscapes are unprotected; many could be lost. The private sector could assume more responsibility in preserving these living memorials. This legislation would allow this non-profit organization to raise money for battlefield preservation. Or contact the Civil War Battlefield Foundation, 1225 Eye St., N.W., Suite 401, Washington, D.C. 20005, #(202) 326-8420.

## Something To Think About.



"Lives of great men all remind us  
We can make our lives sublime,  
And, departing, leave behind us  
Footprints on the sands of time."

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

A Psalm of Life

## EDITORIAL

(copied from The Alamo  
Dispatch, Carl Lehmburg, ed.)

### A Paper Confederate

Are you a paper Confederate? Are you content in just having your membership certificate hanging on your wall either at home or at the office? Let's think about it for a while. How many of us volunteer to do a task when it is presented at the camp meeting? Now, I know we all have various talents and abilities. Not all of us can do all things, and this is how it should be. But, how many of us join an organization and almost never attend camp meetings? How many of us join an organization and when called upon to participate, always have an excuse of why we can't participate? How many of us actually want to do something about changing the way the rest of the country views the SOUTH? How many of us get MAD when the textbooks of our public schools say, "the reason for the Civil War was slavery." How many of us get MAD when the south is blamed for slavery, but the "Yankee Historians?" who write the books never say how the slaves got to the South? How many of us get MAD when the NAACP and the Governor of Georgia want to destroy the Confederate Flag because it might offend someone? How many of us have offices in the SCV, but never have time to meet with fellow officers to make plans for camp activities? How many of us participate in backstabbing and lies concerning other compatriots, some even in other camps. Folks, we have to somehow rise above all of our fault finding with others and think of the welfare of the SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS on a local, division, and national level. We, as an organization, have more than we can do to combat the enemy out there who wants to destroy our southern heritage. We

have to mend our own fences and meet the enemy with a strong united front. We have to join hands with SCVers from all over the Confederation and put our differences behind us. Think about it. Are you a PAPER CONFEDERATE or a REAL CONFEDERATE. The choice is yours.

## DIVISION CONVENTION REPORT

Even though entitled to only 6 delegates, our camp had 9 members present. The Commander in Chief Bill Hogan spoke to the delegates. We now have 33 camps in Texas with 3 more on the way soon. SCV membership is at an all time high in recent years. Nationally, in the last 2 plus years, we have added over 9 thousand new members. We will meet in Temple in 1993. Plan now to attend; it is close! Our net worth was reported to be \$7,534; monies just received have not been added in yet. Please note these officers for the ensuing year:

Commander William Willmann  
704 Lake Louise Rd.  
Ft. Worth, Texas

1st Lt.Cdr. Gregory T. Hector  
Austin, Texas

2nd Lt.Cdr. Carl Lehmburg  
San Antonio, Texas

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3rd Lt.Cdr. Clyde Heron  
Odessa, Texas

Adjutant H.A. Shafer  
Ft. Worth, Texas

Centex Brigade Cdr. John Ferry  
Temple, Texas

South Tex.B.Cdr. Kerry Hellums  
Niederwald, Texas  
and others.

Honor awards were presented to Carl Lehmburg, John Perry, Kerry Hellums, Greg Hector and others. MOSB awards were presented to David Couch and others. Four camps won the distinguished camp award: Waco, Temple, Houston #67, and San Antonio. The Div.Essay Contest was won by Miss Heather Brown, Corsicana H.S. The Longview camp won the outstanding community service award. Sulphur Springs won the best scrapbook. John Perry, Temple, won the best newsletter; Wichita Falls won second; and this newsletter won third. Clyde Heron was named Confederate of the Year. Mel Bradford won the Deo Vindice award. A fun convention; thanks to the Ft.Worth camp for a fine convention!



#### COMMANDER'S CORNER

Since assuming the office of Cdr., I have become increasingly distressed at reports and rumors of conflicts within our camp, within other levels of our organization and even within our sister organization. Disputes are bound to arise within any organization; this is and has always been a part of the democratic process. But it would seem to me that we can little afford the level of dissension that appears to exist.

Thos. Jefferson once warned of the danger of political factions and how they could destroy from within. Washington during the Revolution, became so alarmed at the number of subordinate officers fighting duels, that he made an urgent appeal for them to restrain themselves less his officer corps be depleted. People seeking roles of leadership are particularly vulnerable to this affliction. Individuals of strong will and determination are essential to our organization and cause. I would like to think that they would, at all times, weigh their personal emotions and actions against the greater purpose. After all, I do not think that our ancestors suffered 4 years of terrible hardship so that each might wear the trappings of a general.

I write this in the hope that no one will see it as a condemnation, but rather as a simple appeal for unity. The time for our cause has never been more critical. I ask every person do what they can to aid in our task. But moreover, I ask that we stand together in support of our Confederate heritage. We will need this above all if we are to survive against those who would see every symbol of our proud past erased for their own petty political gain.

#### NEW MEMBER

RON CARTLIDGE joins upon the record of his great uncle Samuel Cartlidge who was in Co.H, 13th Miss.Vols, and who was killed at the Battle of Sharpsburg. Ron is a teacher; add this address to the roster: 1802 Woodland Ave., Austin 78741, #444-8729.

THANK YOU FROM ALAMO CAMP

A great big THANK YOU to our friends in the Littlefield Camp for their generosity in sharing expenses for our real sons to attend the state convention in Ft. Worth. Greg Hector mailed me a check for \$100 from their camp. Thanks again for being so generous. It is nice to know that Littlefield Camp has some REAL CONFEDERATES in it.

THANKS FROM THE CMA

Just a brief note to thank you for your membership renewal in the Confederate Memorial Assoc. It is gratifying to know that there are so many so willing to go the extra mile for our Southern culture.

WELLS BRANCH HOMESTEAD

"Duty faithfully performed", said Lee. A very small, but enthusiastic, few attended the Wells Branch Homestead Festival on June 13 & 14 to demonstrate a Confederate artillery camp HQ, present certificates to the kids, and talk about the SCV and the Cause. Those who showed up were Cdr. Hadeler, Todd Hector, and Greg Hector.



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